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LEGO

# Bricks'n'Pieces

The official *Magazine* of the LEGO® Club

Wishing all our  
Club Members a  
Happy New Year!

Hiii  
Jaahh!  
I'm ready for  
action!!!

Whow! I've  
got flying  
sickness!

Hey!  
I can see  
for miles from  
up here!

So who's  
been knocking  
at my door?



**Ninjas are here! Check out the action**



**Cool building ideas! - Create your own  
Winter Olympics!**



**Plus NEW LEGO SYSTEM Adventures &  
CITY ranges!**

**Inside: Reviews! ★ Competitions! ★ New Models for 1999!**





# THE ROBBERS

# AND THE

For years, peace has reigned across the land thanks to the wisdom and power of Shogun Gi-Dan. He has ruled with an iron fist - helped by his loyal Samurai warriors, the trusted and noble Grey Ninjas.

They have fought to keep the unruly bands of robbers at bay by threatening war if they dare to steal the Shogun's treasure.

But now the bandits have a new leader - the cunning and dangerous Chieftain Kenzo, who will stop at nothing to get his hands on the precious loot!

6089  
The Bridge  
of the  
Rising Sun



The sneaky robbers have lots of tricks up their sleeves - equipped with fantastic flying wings, they can swoop in unseen to snatch treasure, or climb unsuspected into samurai strongholds using strong climbing ropes.

But they'll have to beware of the clever Grey Ninjas who lie in wait for them! What's more, they'll have to dodge

rolling rocks, flying catapults, falling axes, swinging swords and a host of other tricks which the Shogun's defence have set to trap them!

Will the Shogun's treasure be saved from the greedy clutches of the bandit mob? It's all down to you ..... !!!



6093 The Fortress of the Full Moon



6013 Samurai Swordsman



# SHOGUN'S GOLD



THE  
SHOGUN'S  
DEFENCE:

WE'LL  
TRAP THEM ON  
THE SHOGUN'S  
BRIDGE!



**Shogun Gi-Dan**  
Samurai leader. Shogun  
Gi-Dan is the bravest and  
strongest swordsman in the  
land. Noble and wise, he  
guards his treasure with help  
from his Grey Ninja warriors.



**Grey Ninja Ito**  
Ito leads the Shogun's  
defence and will stop any  
thief who dares to steal the  
treasure as he bravely  
carries out missions.

THE ROBBERS:



**Bandit Chief Kendo**  
Kendo is a mean and moody  
bandit chief whose men  
roam the land using cunning  
traps to steal treasure from  
the Samurai.



**Dark Ninja Bonsai**  
Bonsai is the nastiest of the  
robbers and the one you'll  
love to hate! He's a hifty  
climber and is very sneaky  
when it comes to  
stealing treasure.

6045 Ninja Outpost



FALLING AXE  
CUTS OFF PATH  
TO THE HIDDEN  
TREASURE.

## DESIGN A NINJA FLAG COMPETITION

How would you like to win a cool LEGO Ninja set?

It's easy! See how the Shogun's men (the good guys) carry blue flags and the robbers (the bad guys) have red flags? Every Ninja warrior - good or bad - carries a flag which shows his own emblem.

All you have to do is design a Ninja flag for yourself! You can use as many colours as you like and make it any size you want - as long as you can post it!

You could win one of these fab prizes:

**1ST PRIZE:** The top winner will get a 6089 Bridge of the Rising Sun set plus a LEGO Brick Watch

**2ND PRIZE:** Two 2nd prize winners will each get a 6045 Ninja Outpost set plus a LEGO Brick Watch

**RUNNERS-UP:** Three runners-up will each win a 6033 Ninja Expedition set plus a LEGO Brick Watch

Send your completed flag, together with your name, address and membership details to:

NINJA FLAG COMPETITION  
LEGO CLUB  
Wrexham  
LL13 7TQ

Closing date: 28th February, 1999.



CAN  
YOU  
THINK  
OF  
A  
DESIGN?



# The Ancient Art of being a SAMURAI



The Samurai were knights of old Japan - a brave, warrior class that ruled the country for nearly 700 years, who fought for control and to keep outsiders away.

The name 'SAMURAI' means 'those who serve' and in old Japan, a Samurai warrior was the most skilled and deadly assassin - a lone

swordsman who defended his master, the Shogun, in times of war.

During peace times, he was a romantic hero who saw the beauty in art and nature and helped to govern the country for the emperors. A Samurai was also famous for his code of honour, 'BUSHIDO', which means chivalry, or 'the way of the warrior'.

Samurai warriors were highly trained in fighting. This training began at the age of seven when boys learned to fight with wooden swords, ride horses and wrestle wearing armour.

When he was 14, a trainee Samurai was given his own warrior's armour and helmet decorated with feathers and antlers. Often the armour was gold plated and brightly coloured to show how important the Samurai was. It had dozens of layers to protect shoulders, arms and legs from sword blades.



The Samurai's wooden sword was replaced by an ornate and deadly steel sword, which became his most prized possession. Some Samurai also carried a bow and arrow.

A Samurai warrior guarded his sword as closely as the Shogun's treasure! For if his master lost his gold, the Samurai would lose honour and fail in his task!



# the Adventure of the SHOGUN'S TREASURE

JAPAN, THE 17TH CENTURY. THE SHOGUN RIDES UP TO THE SAMURAI FORTRESS, AND A SNEAKY NINJA FOLLOWS HIM.

UNSEEN, THE NINJA CLIMBS THE FORTRESS WALL AFTER THE SHOGUN'S TREASURE.



THE FORTRESS'S SECRET CHUTE WILL DROP ROCKS ON ANY NINJA CLIMBING THE WALL.





THE SAMURAI LOAD A TREASURE CHEST  
READY FOR THEIR EXPEDITION





DOJO AND KATA  
SENSE DANGER AS  
THEY APPROACH  
THE DOORS OF THE  
ROBBER BARON'S  
STRONGHOLD



I HAVE A  
BAD FEELING  
ABOUT THIS  
PLACE!

WITH CAT LIKE MOVES KATA DODGES THE SWINGING BLADES,  
RETRIEVES THE SWORD AND COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE NINJA

I'VE GOT THE  
SWORD!

EEEEAH!

AS DOJO AND KATA  
RACE TO RETURN  
THE SHOGUN'S  
PRIZED SWORD  
DISASTER STRIKES...



STOP  
THEM!

WE'RE  
SAFE NOW!

Earthquake

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING.

EARTHQUAKE!



WE'VE  
GOT YOU  
NOW!

HELP US  
ADVENTURERS!

TALK  
ABOUT  
A CLIFF  
HANGER



THE EARTHQUAKE HAS LEFT THE BRAVE SAMURAI TRAPPED  
BETWEEN A CLIFF AND SOME BAD GUYS...YIKES!!

GOTTA BUILD  
LIKE CRAZY!





# Happy New Year from our LEGO WORLD CLUB Friends in the USA!

All over the world, kids love  
building with LEGO bricks.  
As a special New Year treat,

let's take a look at some of  
the fantastic LEGO models  
our cousins in the USA  
have been building ...

WITH ONLY SECONDS TO  
SPARE, THE ADVENTURER  
SNATCHES DOWN FROM THE  
SKY TO RESCUE THE  
STRANDED SAMURAI

THE  
ROBBERS  
ARE MOVIN' IN.  
I'VE GOTTA ACT  
QUICKLY!

THEY'RE GETTING  
AWAY!

FASTEN YOUR  
SEATBELTS AND  
HANG ON!

I HOPE THE  
FOOD IS GOOD  
ON THIS FLIGHT.

TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DARING  
RESCUE, THE SHOGUN REWARDS  
THE ADVENTURER BY MAKING HIM  
AN HONORABLE SAMURAI

THANKS!  
THAT HELMET'S  
COOL!

PLEASE  
ACCEPT THIS  
SAMURAI  
HELMET.

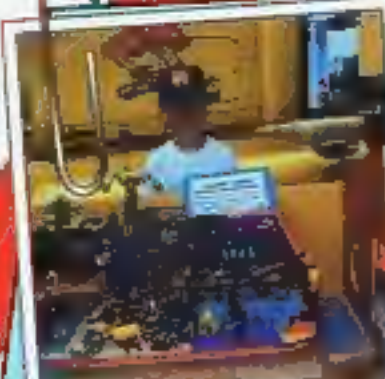
THANK YOU.  
I AM HONORED. BUT I  
HAVE TO TAKE OFF NOW AND  
GET READY FOR  
MY NEXT NINJA  
SURPRISE.

## The End!



CARL MARTIN AGED 11 FROM MARYLAND

Carl designed this magnificent  
creation called **AQUA HYDRO  
WARBASE**. He's a big LEGO fan  
and especially likes the good  
guys, the Hydronauts. When he's  
not in the Aquazone, Carl likes to  
fly his UFOs in space. He has been  
building with LEGO since he was 5  
and says: "LEGO takes you places  
where you've never been!"



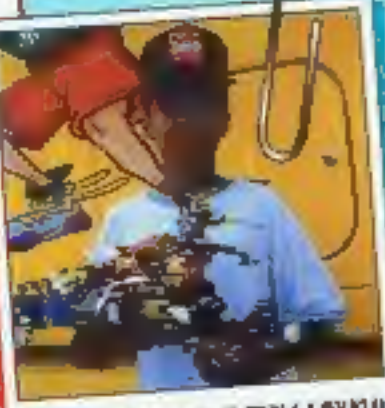
CHRIS NICHOLS AGED 12 FROM INDIANA

Chris has been a LEGO fan for 8  
years and his favourite models are  
from the Castle range. The model  
in the picture is a **Planet LEGO  
Search and Recovery**, which he  
built with a working drill to search  
for crystals and energy sources.  
Chris asks for a LEGO set every  
holiday because "LEGO is the best  
toy in the world!"



BRITTON CLUTE AGED 12 FROM CONNECTICUT

Britton is MAD about LEGO  
Space because it's his  
favourite place for adventures.  
We think his **Air Station  
Firebird** model is great - it  
includes a mini plane that  
attaches to a larger air fighter.  
And his message to his building  
buddies in the UK is: "Keep up  
the building!"



CHIP WINELAND AGED 11 FROM MICHIGAN

Chip has designed a moving monorail  
as his best ever LEGO model because  
he loves monorails! He's also a big  
fan of LEGO Space and builds LEGO  
whenever he has any spare time.  
Chip's quite an expert as he's been  
creating his own LEGO models since  
he was just 4. He says:  
"Happy New Year LEGO friends  
across the world and remember to  
play with your LEGO!"

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# WINTER

# Olympics

A MEMBER'S  
**COOL  
BUILDING  
IDEA!**

Building-crazy Club member Jamie McGarry has sent us this  
brill building plan for a Winter Olympics Team.

These cute models are all his own  
designs - and we think they're great!

*Well done Jamie!*

Jamie, who is 10 and lives in Conwy, North Wales, has been building  
with LEGO since he was just three years of age. His favourite LEGO SYSTEM


range is Aquanauts, but he also likes  
to create his own models using bricks  
and elements from lots of different sets.

Jamie was watching winter sports on  
TV when he first got the idea to  
create his own Winter  
Olympics team.

We're leading  
by 5 seconds -  
heads down men!

He says: "I  
was playing with  
my LEGO Formula 1  
cars when I lost a wheel  
and I thought that if I could find  
a slippery surface, they would make  
great toboggans!"



 **BRITISH**



 **CANADIAN**




 **GERMAN**



 **AMERICAN**



 **SWISS**





**NAME:** Jamie McGarry  
**FROM:** Conwy, North Wales  
**D.O.B.:** 05.04.88  
**FAVOURITE HOBBY:** Anything to do with LEGO!  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Sausages  
**FAVOURITE LEGO MODEL:** Aquanauts



Jamie's Mum suggested a curtain rail, Jamie drew some flags and - hey presto! There were five toboggan teams - from the UK, Canada, USA, Switzerland and Germany - ready to thrash it out down the icy white slopes!

**GO!GO!GO!**

The British are holding on to the lead by 0.37 seconds - It's gonna be close!



## Share Your Ideas!

Have you designed a LEGO model you want to share with other Club members?

Why not send it in to Bricks'n'Pieces magazine - if we use your idea, we'll send you a special LEGO Goody Bag!

## ONE MAN BOBSLEIGH

It's all **DOWNHILL** from here!



## DOWN HILL SKIING!

Crikey! Who talked me into this?!!



## New Year Lucky Dip

We've got lots of great prizes to give away in our **LEGO Lucky Dip!**

To win one, simply send in your name and membership details and we'll enter you in the draw!

The first 25 names pulled out of the barrel will each get:

A Man Utd. Football Shirt signed by soccer ace Andy Cole

**PLUS**

A LEGO Brick Watch worth £20



How about that for a great New Year treat!!!  
Hurry and enter!!!



# MYSTERIOUS Master Builder

**A BIG well done** to all of you whose models are shown here - you all win one of our Master Builder Certificates.

Edward Crampthorn, aged 8, from Stourport on Severn, has built this brilliant model of a Viking long boat. He calls it: 'The Vikings have landed!'



Well done to 8-year-old Andrew Green, of Trysull, near Wolverhampton, who enjoyed building this LEGO Hovercraft. All he needs is a LEGO captain to take!



What an imagination 5-year-old Elliott Higgins has! His model of a Time Cruiser is out of this world! Keep up the building, Elliott!



This realistic version of the Empire State Building has been sent in by 7-year-old Craig Scott, of Northumberland. Craig says he built it after visiting Miniland at LEGOLAND Windsor on a Club Days weekend.



Hosing Chung, aged 13, of Bognor Regis, really went to town when he built this impressive robot. He calls it his Intergalactic Insectoids-UFO Destroyer Robot - and we can see why!



# Builders



Doesn't Andrew Manson of Sumner, Oxford look pleased with himself? We think his LEGO spaceship is really fab - well done Andrew!



Luke Wood, aged 7, of Bradley Hill, West Midlands, has re-created the Titanic out of LEGO bricks! We bet this ship won't go down so easily! Well done Luke!



We wouldn't want to mess with this! It's right model of Owen Glyn Owen, created by Iestyn Mathonwal, aged 8, from Bangor, North Wales. What a mean-looking tower it has!

Little Matthew Stone of Meigs, Wiltshire looks very proud of his fantastic dinosaur inspired by the movie Jurassic Park - and rightly so! We think he deserves a pay on the back!



Here's two for the price of one from Adam Siken, aged 15, from Cheshire. Adam couldn't decide between his Father Christmas and his Robot - so he sent in both! Well done Adam!

Send a photo of your LEGO model to: Master Builders, LEGO Club, LEGO UK, Wrexham LL13 7TQ

Remember to include your name, address, age, membership number and model name! (Sorry pictures cannot be returned)



TWO MORE FANTASTIC RANGES FOR JANUARY - ONLY FROM LEGO



This river's too fast! I need to try and slow down!

## Max Villano (5901)

A useful way of reaching the remotest parts of the jungle - the lightweight river raft is just what Max needs!

# ADVENTURERS

Deep in the jungles of Central America, the Golden Sun disk is buried - but no one knows exactly where.

Our hero, Sam Grant, and his intrepid LEGO Adventurers are searching for the lost treasure. But they are not alone! Local villain, Señor Gomez, and Max Villano are out to squelch the mission. They're working together to find the collector who owns the Sun Disk for himself!

Then there's Achu, the Masked Ruler. There's nothing he won't do to trap the thieves who try to steal the priceless treasure from under his nose.

Can you help the Adventurers solve the riddle of the Golden Sun Disk?

We're bound to find treasure here. Just watch out for that big spider!

## Señor Gomez's Expedition (5936)

Intruders get more than they bargained for when they try to enter this temple! A deadly spider's web and a lethal axe trap are among the evil snares to keep intruders out.

## The Great Adventure (5956)

This mean-looking balloon will soon get Sam and his team into the jungle. Use it on water, on land or high in the skies - depending on how you build it.

Check out this Dolphin - it's so fast it's keeping up with us!

## Police Harbor Patrol (6433)

Easy to build and change, this model has its own highly trained police crew and really floats - great in an emergency!

# LOOK OUT! THERE'S D

EASY TO BUILD AND CHANGE

Step on it! The sharks almost got him!





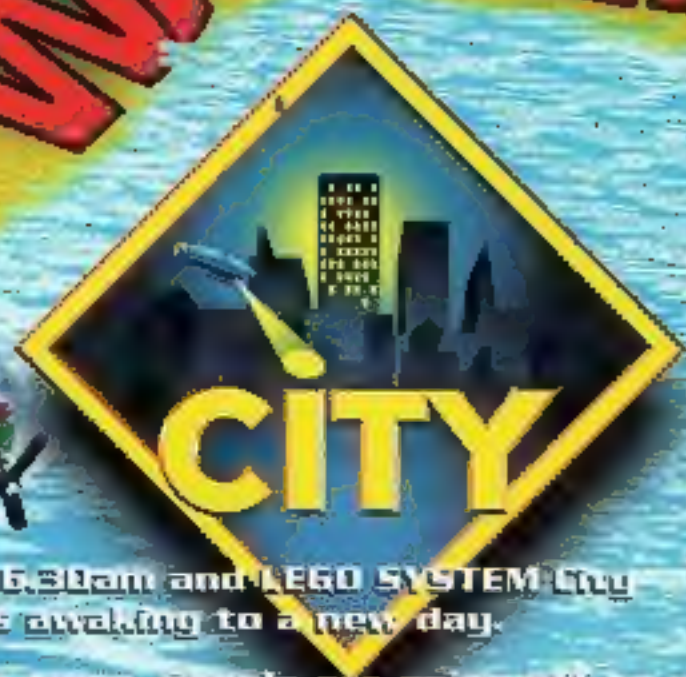
**SYSTEM** including some easy-build modular sets for extra speed!

### Masked Ruler (5906)

What an impressive headdress the Ruler of the Jungle is wearing. Just the job to frighten off thieves who try to steal the treasure.

Those Adventurers are in heap big trouble when I catch them!

# EVERYWHERE!



It's 6.30am and LEGO SYSTEM City is awaking to a new day.

All over town, people are going off to work on the roads, in the air and on the river that runs through the City.

It's been a while since the Coast Guard was called out - but today that will all change. They'll be glad they're ready for any emergency.

What happens is up to YOU! It's YOUR LEGO SYSTEM City and it's time for action!!

### TVcopter (6425)

This speedy helicopter will get you to an emergency in the nick of time!

This is hot camera footage for the News tonight!

### Coast Guard Centre (6435)

Complete with various vehicles - including a boat that really floats - plus emergency helicopter and a stretcher, this is the perfect base for the Coast Guard as they work to help injured people.





## SPACE PORT 1999!

A deadly meteor storm is threatening the Earth and the future of life as we know it!

Brave astronauts from the Space Port set out to save the day.

Can they re-direct the meteor and neutralise the dangerous threat? Are they in time to save the world?

Space Port - in the next issue of Bricks 'n Pieces magazine in the shops NOW!



Available Soon



**LEGO SYSTEM**

**LEGOLAND**  
WINDSOR

LEGOLAND Windsor was buzzin' with SECRET AGENTS at the last Club Weekend!

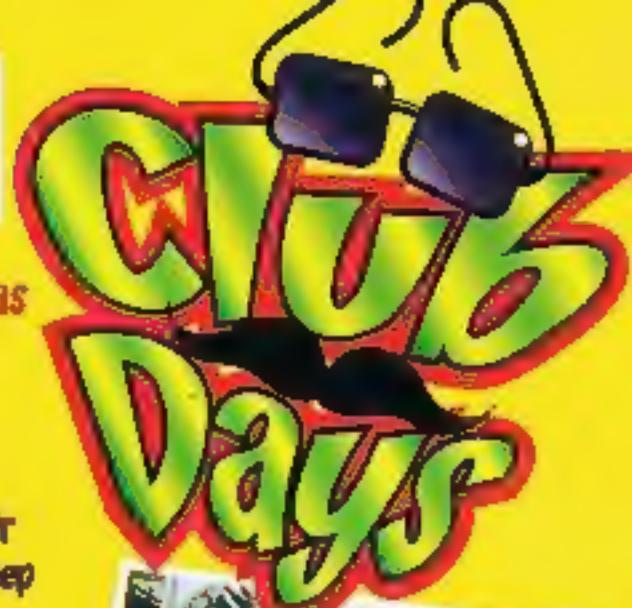
Club Members came in their hundreds - but they had to keep their identities hidden to gain SECURITY CLEARANCE to ZONE-2.

Some wore clever disguises of big black moustaches and dark glasses, and others dressed up in really wacky outfits. Even their friends were fooled!

It was a brilliant weekend with loads of exciting things to see and do. There were building challenges, top secret model previews and lots of LEGO bricks to play with.

See if you can spot yourself in our photo round-up.

Let us know and you could win a prize!



## SPOT THE SPIDER



3 WINNERS

Simon McLoughlin from Dublin  
Peter Thatcher from Preston  
Ian Smith from Worcester  
each win Insectoid Space Swarm (6969)

## competition winners

5 RUNNERS-UP

A Farr from Preston  
Lawrence Cleveland from Essex  
Christopher Toad from Bury  
Ben Shires from Mid Glamorgan  
Sam Coates from Malvern  
each win Insectoid Mantis Scavenger (6837)

## Are you Moving House?

Don't forget to tell us if you move to a new house. We need to know where to continue sending your Club mags! You can write to us at the usual Club address:

LEGO Club  
LEGO UK  
Ruthin Road  
Wrexham LL13 7TQ

**Removals**





# Long live the King.

In the last issue Biker Bob spilled the beans on LEGO Creator™, but you still can't get enough of these new PC CD-ROM products, so for LEGO Chess™ we've gone right to the top. Check out this exclusive interview with the main man himself...



Q

Thank you for taking time out from helping people play LEGO Chess. Tell us what it's like.

A

Man, it's just so cool, I flick between all the different board environments, viewing games from any angle I like and helping people make wicked chess moves. Then I just sit back and watch all the funny animated sequences between pieces.



Do battle with mini-figures from LEGO SYSTEM™ themes: Western and Pirates



Watch the crazy conflicts take place in hilarious 3D animation.

Q

Wow, but isn't Chess really hard?

A

It's as hard as you want it to be and more fun than you can imagine. Just say the word and the secrets of every Chess piece are yours. You'll get so good you'll start challenging friends to games over the Internet. Talking of which, have you checked out our website, it's packed with loads of tip tips and information.



Q

Cool! Just one last question King... What's your favourite thing about LEGO Chess?

A

Well, my brilliant tutorials of course!

available now!



There's more to the story for our review of the software. Follow us through the top secret mission.



